

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 122

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. John Eisterhold of Martin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. John Eisterhold of Martin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eisterhold was the director of the Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities, the first dean of international programs, and a UT Martin history professor who dedicated himself to the enhancement of this state's most treasured natural resource, our young people; and

WHEREAS, born in Evansville, Indiana to Grace Huggins Eisterhold and the late James A. Eisterhold, Sr., John earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University and received his doctoral degree in History from the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as dean of the international programs from 1975-99, Dr. Eisterhold played an instrumental role in establishing a relationship with Hirosaki City, Japan and Hirosaki University; earlier this year he received the first Distinguished Service Award presented by Hirosaki University; and

WHEREAS, prior to coming to UT Martin in 1969 as an assistant professor, John Eisterhold was an instructor at the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, UTM Chancellor Philip Conn stated, "John Eisterhold leaves a grand and extraordinary legacy for UT Martin in that he is the primary person responsible for establishing the university's international program. He has brought about partnerships with other institutions around the world, and has been an unusually giving and enthusiastic force on our campus; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Martin community, Dr. Eisterhold contributed his time and remarkable talents as a member of the Martin Rotary Club, the Youth Activities Commission and the Martin Parent-Teacher Association; he was a member of the Martin Industrial Board and served with probity as a past chairman of that board; and

WHEREAS, John was a man of character and integrity whose goodness knew no bounds, he was deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Yayoi; five sons, John A. "Jay" Eisterhold, III, Christopher E. "Kit" Eisterhold, Robert E. "Robbie" Eisterhold, James Eisterhold and Nicholas Eisterhold; and two sisters, Judith Ann Griffin and Toni McLaughlin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eisterhold leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and distinction in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his educational endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. John Eisterhold, reflecting fondly upon his singular career in education, his stalwart commitment to the young people of this state, and his impeccable character as a professional and human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Eisterhold.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.